

January 15, 2021

The Honorable Tony Evers Governor of Wisconsin State Capitol, Room 115 East

Dear Governor Evers.

As you know, CVS and Walgreens are partnering with the CDC to distribute COVID-19 vaccines to residents of nursing homes in Wisconsin. As the vaccine becomes more widely available to the public, we request that you explore all options for including vaccine distribution through locally owned and operated pharmacies.

The timely distribution of these vaccines will require an all hands on deck approach. While emergency authorization of these vaccines by the FDA includes restrictions on distribution, waivers are frequently sought when they are necessary and prudent.

Any exclusion of locally owned pharmacies will hurt small business, which will cause significant long term harm to Wisconsin's economic recovery and long term health. Even more critically, excluding small pharmacies from this critical work will hamper vaccine distribution across our state. Many people, particularly in rural and urban communities, may be more likely to get the vaccine if it can be administered by a familiar face at a local pharmacy instead of through a big box store.

We urge you to do all you can to ensure locally owned pharmacies are included in our state's fight against this disease.

Sincerely,

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